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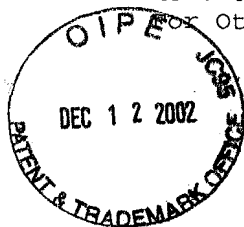
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Sir:

This is a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, of pending prior Application No. 09/721,114, (Confirmation No. 2997), filed on November 22, 2000 for NOVEL GENE INVOLVED IN BRASSINOSTEROID RESPONSES.

1. ☐ Please enter the Amendment Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 filed on _____ in Application No. _____.
2. ☐ Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief filed on _____ in Application No. _____.
3. ☒ An Amendment/Reply is enclosed.
4. ☒ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) is/are enclosed.
5. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.
6. ☐ A suspension of action on the above-identified patent application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months.
7. ☒ A check in the amount of \$740.00 in payment of the fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is enclosed.
8. ☐ Please charge \$740.00 to Deposit Account No. 06-1075 in payment of the fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e). A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed.
9. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) in connection with this Request, or to credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed.
10. ☒ Please grant a ☒ one-month, ☐ two-month, ☐ three-month, ☐ four-month, extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to the Examiner's Action of August 13, 2002 in the above-identified patent application.
11. ☒ A check in the amount of \$ 110.00 in payment of the extension-of-time fee is enclosed.
12. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional extension-of-time fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 in connection with this paper, or to credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed.

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13. ☐ Please charge the extension-of-time fee of \$ _____ to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed.

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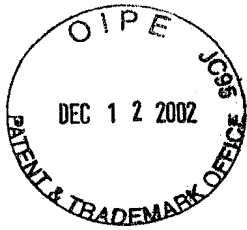
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Group Art Unit : 1634
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

Transmitted herewith: ☒ Request for Continued Examination and Extension of Time (in dupl.); ☒ Preliminary Amendment; ☒ Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131; ☒ Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132; ☒ Information Disclosure Statement; ☒ Form PTO-1449 (in dupl.); ☒ reference cited on Form PTO-1149; ☒ Certified translation of priority document; ☒ Check for \$740.00; ☒ Check for \$168.00; and ☒ Check for \$110.00; to be filed in the above-identified patent application.

FEE FOR ADDITIONAL CLAIMS

- ☐ A fee for additional claims is not required.
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The additional fee has been calculated as shown below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid for		Present Extra	Rate	Fees
TOTAL CLAIMS	9	-	20*	=	0	x \$18	= \$0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	5	-	3**	=	2	x \$84	= \$168.00
FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM						+ \$280	= \$0.00
						TOTAL	\$168.00

* If less than 20, insert 20.

** If less than 3, insert 3.

☒ A check in the amount of \$ 168.00 in payment of the filing fee is transmitted herewith.

☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16, in connection with the paper(s) transmitted herewith, or credit any overpayment of same, to deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is transmitted herewith.

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EXTENSION FEE

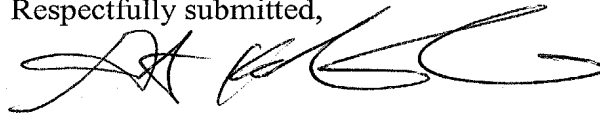
☒ The following extension is applicable to the Response filed herewith; ☒ \$110.00 extension fee for response within first month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a); ☐ \$400.00 extension fee for response within second month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a); ☐ 920.00 extension fee for response within third month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a); ☐ \$1440.00 extension fee for response within fourth month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a); \$1960.00 within fifth month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

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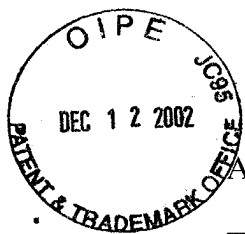
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Respectfully submitted,



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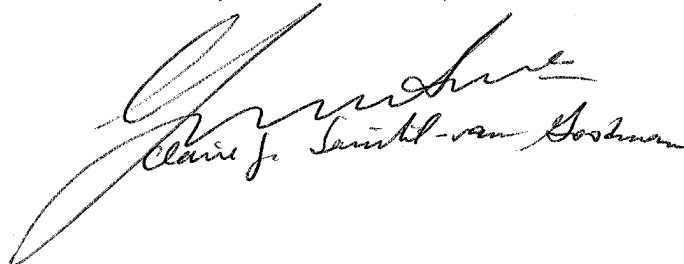
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